Montana School Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey 2005 School Food Authority Form

Number Returned: 129 Response Rate: 49%

Student Enrollment Information

1. What is the approximate enrollment for your school district?

22.2% (0-50) **20.6%** (51-100) **23.8%** (101-250) **9.5%** (251-450) **8.7%** (451-650)

7.9% (651-1500) **4.8%** (1501-5000) **1.6%** (5001-10,000) **.8%** (Over 10,000)

2. What is the approximate participation rate in your school lunch program?

3% (0-25%) **4%** (26-39%) **3%** (40-50%) **13%** (51-65%) **19%** (66-75%)

13% (76-89%) **30%** (90-99%) **15%** (100%) Average: **76%**

Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies

3. In which of the following areas does your school district have a formal policy?

81% Adherence to USDA school 14% Overall School Wellness Policy (meeting upcoming

meals/snack program requirements 2006 USDA requirements)

16% A lá carte food and beverage choices **23%** Fundraising (bake sales/candy sales)

20% Vending machine contents **31%** Vending machine access

4% Other Nutrition Policies

4. Do any grade levels at your schools have recess scheduled before lunch? 48% Yes 52% No

If Yes, in what areas have schools noted benefits from recess before lunch?

26% Increased consumption of healthy foods at lunch 18% Calmer/more orderly cafeteria atmosphere

16% Improved classroom or playground behavior **10%** No benefits observed

9% Other benefits:

5. Which of the following groups have expressed interest/support for health-related changes in your district?

20% Students 30% Parents 30% School Instructional/Support Staff

34% School Admin Staff 23% School Board 32% None 11% Other

6. Does your district currently have a Wellness/School Health Committee? **8%** Yes **92%** No

Healthy School Nutrition Environment

	<u>SA</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>D</u>	SD
7. At breakfast, students (who arrive on time) have at least 10 minutes to eat their food <i>once seated</i> .	68%	31%	1%	0%
8. At lunch, students (who arrive on time) have at least 15 minutes to eat their food <i>once seated</i> .	58%	37%	4%	2%
The food service staff work together with school staff to encourage healthful eating habits in students.	50%	45%	5%	0%
10. Advertising of less healthy foods is restricted in school cafeterias.	63%	28%	6%	3%
 The importance of healthy eating/lifestyle is promoted through the food service program. 	50%	49%	1%	0%

- If SA or A for #11, in what ways is healthy eating/lifestyle promoted?
- 26% Providing written nutrition information for families and school staff
- 68% Availability of healthful food choices (e.g., salad bar, a la carte fruits and vegetables)
- 61% Presence of nutrition-related cafeteria bulletin board or display
- 36% Providing nutrition education in classrooms
- **12%** Other

	Almost <u>All</u>	Most	Some	Very Little to None
12. How much of the foods/beverages available to students <u>outside</u> the cafeteria would you consider to be healthful?	2%	15%	58%	26%

- 13. In which of the following areas has your program made changes (or is considering changes) to increase healthy food choices for students, staff, and families?
 - 76% Developing healthier school meal menus 26% Providing healthier a la carte choices
 - 38% Encouraging schools to adopt nutritious food choices across settings
 - 9% Other

Nutrition Services:

	<u>SA</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>D</u>	SD
 Services increased awareness of the importance of nutrition and physical activities for academic performance. 	42%	58%	0%	0%
 Staff members who received services learned ways to prepare healthy meals/snacks. 	39%	61%	0%	0%
16. My school district made changes, based on information or support provided by School Nutrition/Team Nutrition.	24%	74%	3%	0%
17. Overall, services were valuable for my district.	32%	68%	0%	0%
18. School staff would be interested in follow-up services from Team Nutrition.	32%	65%	3%	0%